

## COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

## MEDIA ADVISORY

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## COUNTY PROVIDES FREE SOIL EROSION CONTROL ASSISTANCE

Assessments, Plans and Erosion Control Materials to Aid Fire Victims

**WHAT:** The County of San Diego is launching its fire recovery Erosion Control

Assistance program to help residents in the unincorporated areas guard against erosion and protect waterways from ash runoff in the wake of this week's fires.

**WHEN:** Saturday, October 27, 10:30 – 2:00 p.m. for interviews

WHERE: County Department of Public Works

Ramona Road Station

116 5<sup>th</sup> Street; Ramona, CA 92065

WHO: Cid Tesoro, Watershed Protection Program Manager, County of San Diego

Department of Public Works; County staff, fire victims, volunteers

**VISUALS:** Volunteers filling sandbags to aid fire victims, piles of sandbags, stacks of fiber

rolls, bags of seed

**BACKGROUND:** A similar County program following the 2003 Firestorms gave residents the means to help protect themselves from debris flows, and protect the environment.

Upon request, County staff will schedule visits to private property to conduct erosion control assessments, develop an erosion control plan, show the residents how to execute that plan and provide them with free erosion control materials.

These services will be available seven days a week until further notice. Hours are Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Sundays from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. at these locations:

<u>Bonita/Sunnyside Fire Department</u>, 4900 Bonita Rd.; <u>Dulzura Fire Department</u>, 17304 Hwy. 94;

<u>Valley Center Road Station</u>, 28565 Cole Grade Rd.; <u>Ramona Road Station</u>, 116 5<sup>th</sup> St.;

<u>Fallbrook Ingold Baseball Fields</u>, 2551 Olive Hill Rd.

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